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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Information Technology, DA

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Chief, Information Management Staff, DO

SUBJECT: DO Computer Terminal Requirement

1. This memorandum describes the DO's requirement for computer terminals for CY 1987 and urgently requests your support.

25X1 2. The DO needs an estimated  computer terminals to be installed during CY 1987. These terminals must meet the following criteria:

- o They must be secure. The use of magnetic storage media with these terminals is not acceptable unless the data is encrypted on the media and/or there is some sure means of identifying and alarming the media to preclude its being transferred to and from Agency premises undetected. Our requirement is based in the absolute need to protect DO sources and methods.
- o They must support the online receipt, storage, search and retrieval of DO operational traffic via the Message Delivery System (MDS).
- o They must support the preparation and coordination of outgoing operational traffic via the AIM system. This process features automation support for the creation, editing and printing of the traffic in such a way that the word processing, electronic mail, and printing functions are fully integrated with each other.
- o They must be available when the PBX connections are made in the DO, or sooner. Current estimates indicate that PBX connections will begin in March 1987.
- o The cost must not be excessive. Our current budget allows only for terminal costs in the 3 to 4 thousand dollar range.

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3. As you know, we are pursuing a very aggressive and expanding data processing program in the DO. Even though we are still on schedule, DO needs for this support already exceed deliveries of equipment that provides online processing of DO operational traffic via terminals at users' desks. We are being deluged by numerous, high priority requirements to provide these services to such critical activities as the Counterterrorism Center,

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We simply cannot cease to provide automation in support of these, and other priority requirements.

4. I appreciate your timely support of our urgent terminal requirement.

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